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1. DURING THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, KANG, KYONG-SIK, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING BUREAU OF ROKG ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD MENTIONED THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) HAD SENT A DELEGATION TO AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) MEETING HE HAD ATTENDED IN BANGKOK IN NOVEMBER 1975 (PRESUMABLY THE ESCAP TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING).

2. KANG UNDERSTOOD THE ESCAP MEETING WAS THE FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH THE PRG HAD SENT A DEL TO A REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THAT TYPE. ACCORDING TO KANG, NO ONE CHALLENGED THE RIGHT OF THE PRG DEL TO PARTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH HE MAINTAINED IT WAS COMMONLY BELIEVED THAT THE VIETNAMESE DEL, IN REALITY, CAME FROM HANOI DESPITE THE FACT THEY REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS BEING A PRG DEL.

3. KANG SAID HE AND OTHERS IN THE ROKG DEL HAD EXCHANGED SOCIAL PLEASANTRIES WITH THE VIETNAMESE DEL WHO WERE POLITE AND COURTEOUS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. HE COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING

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ABOUT THE SUBSTANTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING, IF ANY,

BY THE VIETNAMESE DEL.
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